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SUBJECT: CSCE: NETHERLANDS PAPER ON "PRINTED INFORMATION"

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF AN "EXPLANATORY NOTE" CIRCULATED BY THE NETHERLANDS POLAD, TO ILLUSTRATE A METHOD OF SUBMITTING PROPOSALS AT BELGRADE FOR IMPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT. IN A COVERING LETTER, NETHERLANDS POLAD SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IT "WOULD BE WORTH TRYING TO INSERT INTO THE FINAL DOCUMENT THE NOTION OF THE DEMAND EXISTING FOR INFORMATION FROM ABROAD. THE ABSENCE OF DEMAND FOR EASTERN PAPERS IN OUR COUNTRIES EXPLAINS OUR RELATIVELY LOW IMPORTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF EASTERN DEMAND WERE EVEN PARTIALLY TO BE SATISFIED, OUR EXPORTS WOULD PROBABLY INCREASE DRAMATICALLY. THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARA OF THE PROPOSED TEXT FOR THE FINAL DOCUMENT WOULD THEREFORE BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE. IF ACCEPTED, IT COULD BE TAKEN UP AGAIN BY THE WEST, AND FURTHER DEVELOPED, AT A LATER FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF CSCE."

BEGIN TEXT:

- DRAFT EXPLANATORY NOTE

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- PRINTED INFORMATION
- RE: - CHAPTER ON COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND
- OTHER FIELDS
- -- PREAMBLE, ESPECIALLY FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS;

- - SUB-CHAPTER, INFORMATION,
- -- PREAMBLE;
- -- HEADING "PRINTED INFORMATION".

IN SIGNING THE FINAL ACT, THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION, I.A., TO FACILITATE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISSEMINATION, ON THEIR TERRITORY, OF NEWS-PAPERS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS, PERIODICAL AND NON-PERIODICAL, FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY WOULD ENCOURAGE THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS DESIGNED GRADUALLY TO INCREASE THE QUANTITIES AND THE NUMBER OF TITLES OF NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS IMPORTED FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

MOREOVER, THEY EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC TO PRINTED PUBLICATIONS, I.A., BY ENCOURAGING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE THESE PUBLICATIONS ARE ON SALE, BY DEVELOPING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR TAKING OUT SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND BY IMPROVING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR READING AND BORROWING THESE PUBLICATIONS IN LARGE PUBLIC READING ROOMS AND ELSEWHERE.

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THE EXPERIENCE GAINED SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE FINAL ACT LEADS THE DELEGATION OF
TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IN A NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STATES THE AVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS REPRESENTING A BROAD SPECTRUM OF OPINION IS STILL WANTING.

THE FACT THAT SUCH NEWSPAPERS ARE OCCASIONALLY TO BE FOUND IN HOTELS AND CONGRESS CENTRES DOES NOT COMPENSATE FOR THEIR ABSENCE IN THE NORMAL CHANNELS EXISTING IN THESE COUNTRIES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THEIR OWN PUBLICATIONS AND NEWSPAPERS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES AND OF A BETTER ACQUAINTANCE WITH SUCH INFORMATION, MENTIONED IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE SUB-CHAPTER ON INFORMATION, POINTS AT CITIZENS AT HOME READING NEWSPAPERS FROM ABROAD, RATHER THAN TRAVELLERS ABROAD HAVING ACCESS TO NEWSPAPERS FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

THE DELEGATION OFIS OF THE OPINION
THAT THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE PREAMBLES OF THE CHAPTER ON COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS AND THE SUB-CHAPTER ON INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED

IF THE NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES ARE ADMITTED AND DISSEMINATED WITHOUT UNDUE RESTRICTIONS. ONLY THEN WILL THE READERS OBTAIN A WIDER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE IN OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES.

NOW, OUR CITIZENS CAN NOT BE INDUCED TO READ PUBLICATIONS FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED. THE BEST WAY TO ATTAIN THE GOALS SET OUT IN

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THE FINAL ACT WILL THEREFORE CONSIST IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO SATISFY THE DEMAND FOR FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS, WHEREVER IT EXISTS. ONE WAY OF ASSERTING WHETHER THERE IS A DEMAND WOULD CONSIST IN ALLOWING CITIZENS TO TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION TO FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS OR PERIODICALS OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE DELEGATION THEREFORE PROPOSES THE INSERTION OF THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE BELGRADE MEETING 1977:

QUO THE PARTICIPATING STATES,

- MINDFUL OF THE TEXT OF THE FINAL ACT, AND MORE EXPECIALLY OF THE CLAUSES CONCERNED WITH THE FREER AND WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS,

- REAFFIRMING THEIR INTENTION TO FACILITATE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISSEMINATION, ON THEIR TERRITORY, OF NEWS-PAPERS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS, PERIODICAL AND NON-

PERIODICAL, FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, AND TO
CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC TO
PERIODICAL AND NON-PERIODICAL PRINTED PUBLICATIONS,

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- EXPRESS THEIR INTENTION NOT TO IMPEDE THE SATISFACTION
OF THE DEMAND EXISTING ON THEIR TERRITORY FOR THE NEWS-
PAPERS AND PRINTED PUBLICATIONS, PERIODICAL AND NON-
PERIODICAL, FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES;

- WILL TO THIS END AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE WAYS AND MEANS
SET OUT UNDER THE HEADING "PRINTED INFORMATION" IN THE
FINAL ACT, I.A., THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
TAKING OUT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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